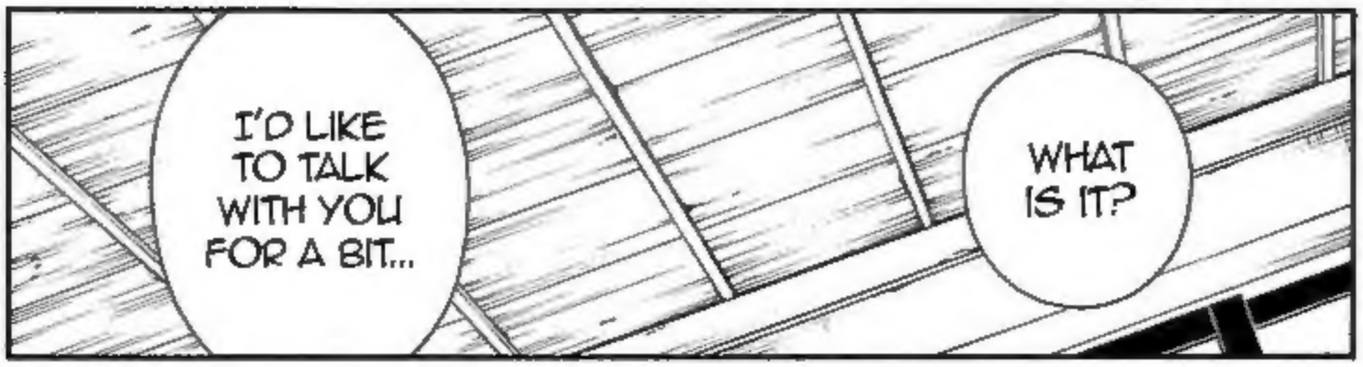
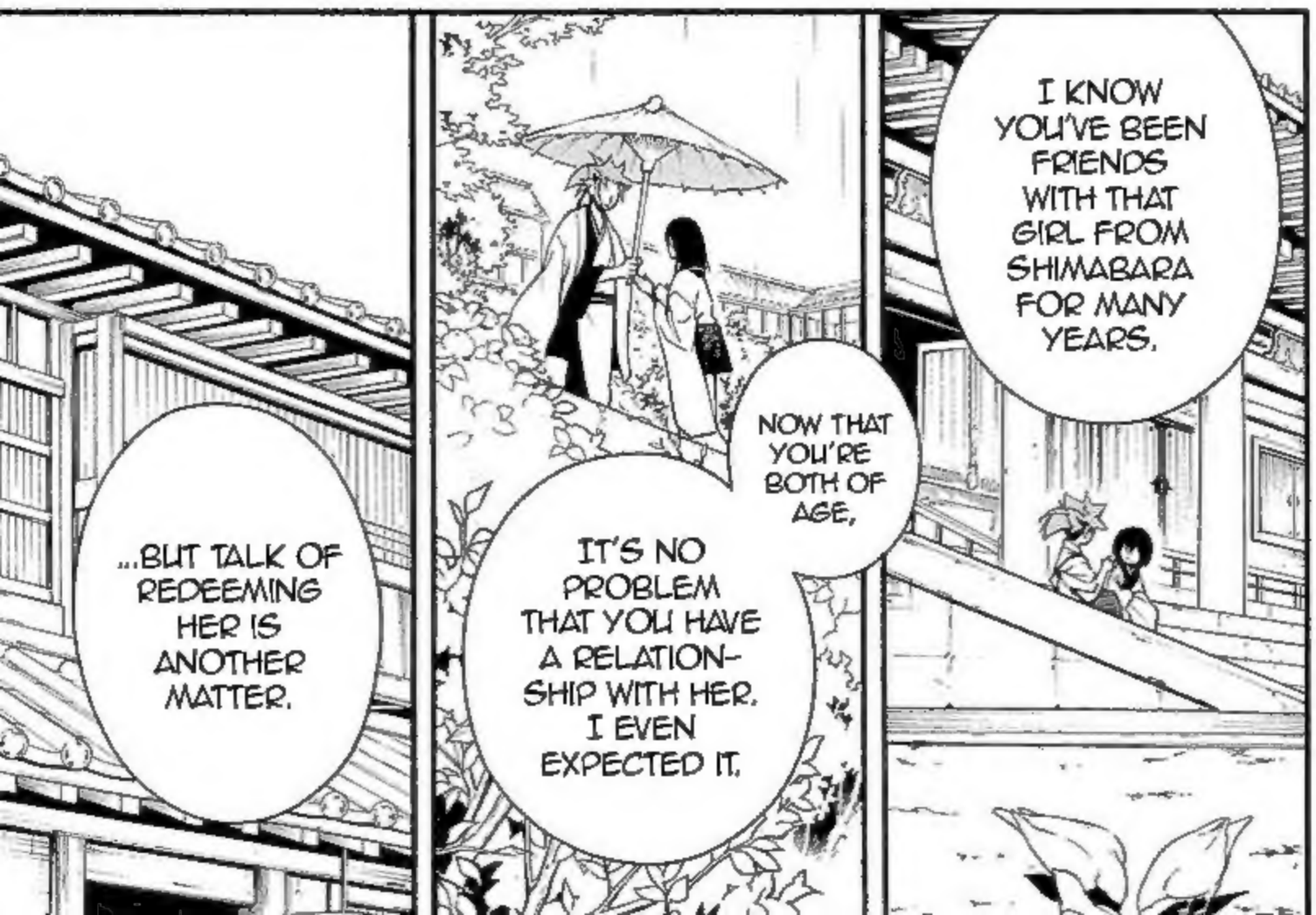

I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU FOR A BIT...
WHAT IS IT?

I WANT TO REDEEM SAYA, WHO'S IN SHIMA-BARA.
BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SO
I WAS HOPING YOU'D GIVE ME PERMISS-ION AS YOUR PAGE

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

TAP
.....
ICHI-
MURA.
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE SAYING?


I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN FRIENDS WITH THAT GIRL FROM SHIMABARA FOR MANY YEARS.
NOW THAT YOU'RE BOTH OF AGE,
IT'S NO PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE A RELATION-SHIP WITH HER. I EVEN EXPECTED IT.
...BUT TALK OF REDEEMING HER IS ANOTHER MATTER.

YOU NEED A LOT OF MONEY, FIRST.
THE GIRL IS A WOMAN THAT TAKES ON GUESTS. HER SITUATION MIGHT VARY, BUT CHANCES ARE SHE'S IN DEBT.
BESIDES THE MAIN EXPENSE... COSTUME, FOOD, AND OTHER MISCELL-ANEOUS BILLS ARE STACKED ON TOP OF THAT.
IT ALL AMOUNTS TO NO LESS THAN 30 RYOU.
TH-THIRTY RYOU!?
THE MONEY TO TAKE CARE OF HER FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE IS NEEDED.
SHE CAN EASILY BE SOLD TO ANOTHER.
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOVED HER FIRST,

...AS SUCH
IF YOU CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT, YOU'RE CHANCES ARE MORE SLIM.
YOU WOULDN'T MAKE THE CUT.
IF THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO FULFILLS THESE CONDITIONS,
.....
...DO YOU WANT A WOMAN AROUND WHEN THAT HAPPENS?
ADDITIONALLY, WAR MAY START TOMORROW.

.....

AND MORE THAN THAT,

ONLY LEADERS IN THE SHINSENGUMI CAN HAVE A SECONDARY RESIDENCE.

I WILL NOT CHANGE THINGS JUST FOR A REGULAR MEMBER LIKE YOU.

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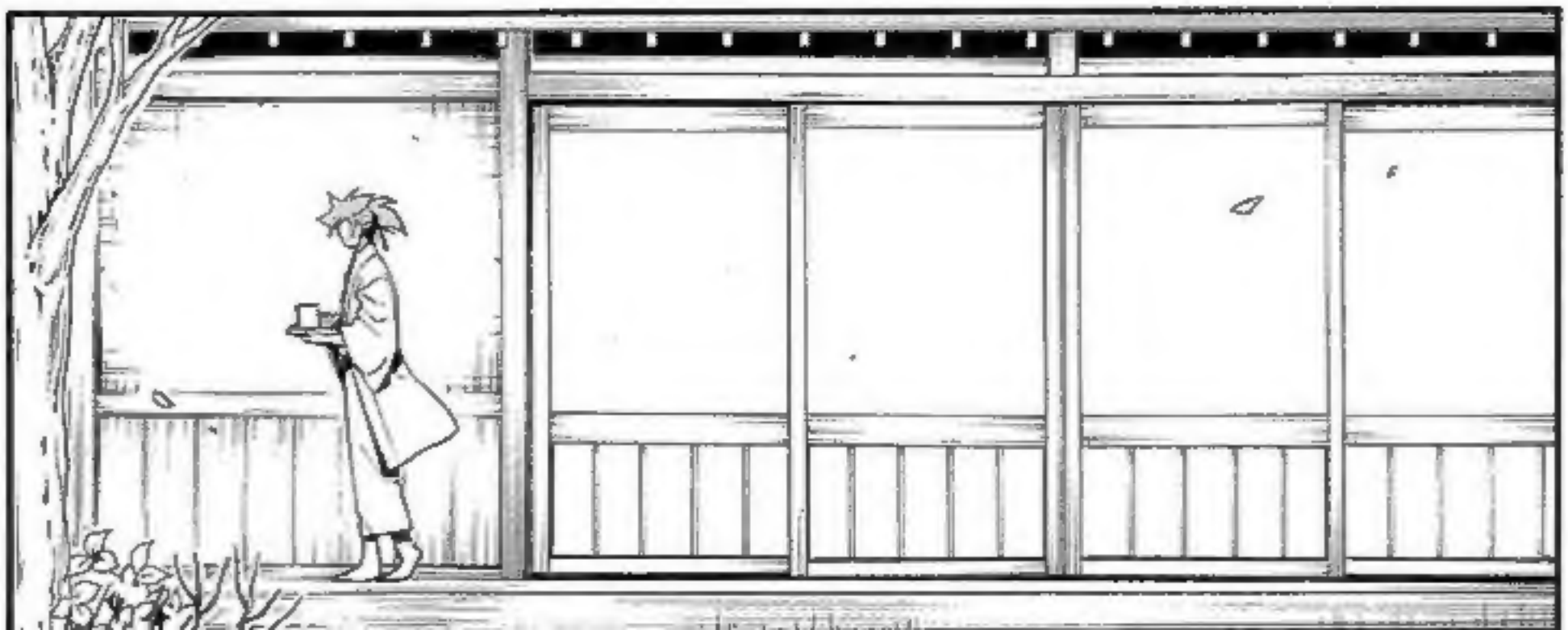
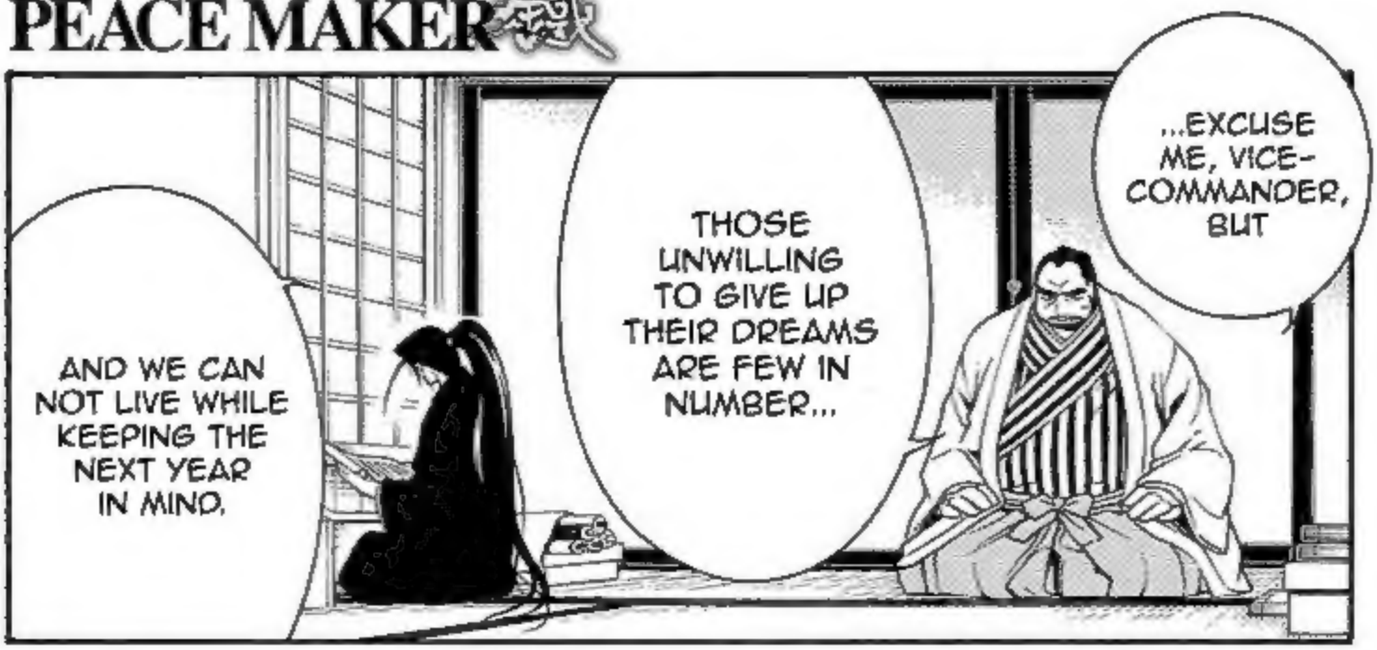
AND IF YOU'RE STILL NOT CONVINCED,

THEN YOU BETTER PREPARE TO LEAVE THE SHINSENGUMI.




...EXCUSE ME, VICE-COMMANDER, BUT
THOSE UNWILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR DREAMS ARE FEW IN NUMBER...
AND WE CAN NOT LIVE WHILE KEEPING THE NEXT YEAR IN MIND.

IF HE REFUSES TO GIVE UP AT THIS DEGREE
THEN HE'S STILL SERIOUS.
MEMBER SALARY RECORD
...SO,

SHIMADA-KUN.
SORRY, BUT CHECK ON THE FEELINGS OF ICHIMURA'S LOVER AND HER EMPLOYER.
FIGURE OUT WHAT IS NECESSARY TO CONVINCE THEM TO LET HER GO.

... HON-ESTY
INCREAS-ING THE WORK LOAD OF YOUR BOSS...
WHAT A HORRIBLE, ARROGANT PAGE.
WELL,

SACHIYO-SAN?
DO YOU HAVE A FAVORABLE ANSWER FOR ME,

IMPORTANT THINGS SHOULD BE DELIBERATED ON.
AH, IT'S ALRIGHT.
.....

ARE A GEISHA THAT HAS NO NEED FOR CUSTOMERS.
SINCE YOU...
I REALIZE THAT I DO WANT A QUICK REPLY.
...BUT EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT

I FEAR YOU WILL BE TAKEN BY SOMEONE ELSE SOON.
AND SO LOVABLE ... THAT
AND YET...
YOU ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL.

AT THIS AGE, I'M EMBARR-ASSED TO ADMIT IT.
SOMEHOW I BECAME OBSESSED WITH BECOMING CLOSE TO YOU.

……

HERE IN KYOTO...
THERE ARE SIGNS OF WAR.
ALSO
DON'T YOU FEEL IT EVER SO SLIGHTLY TOO?

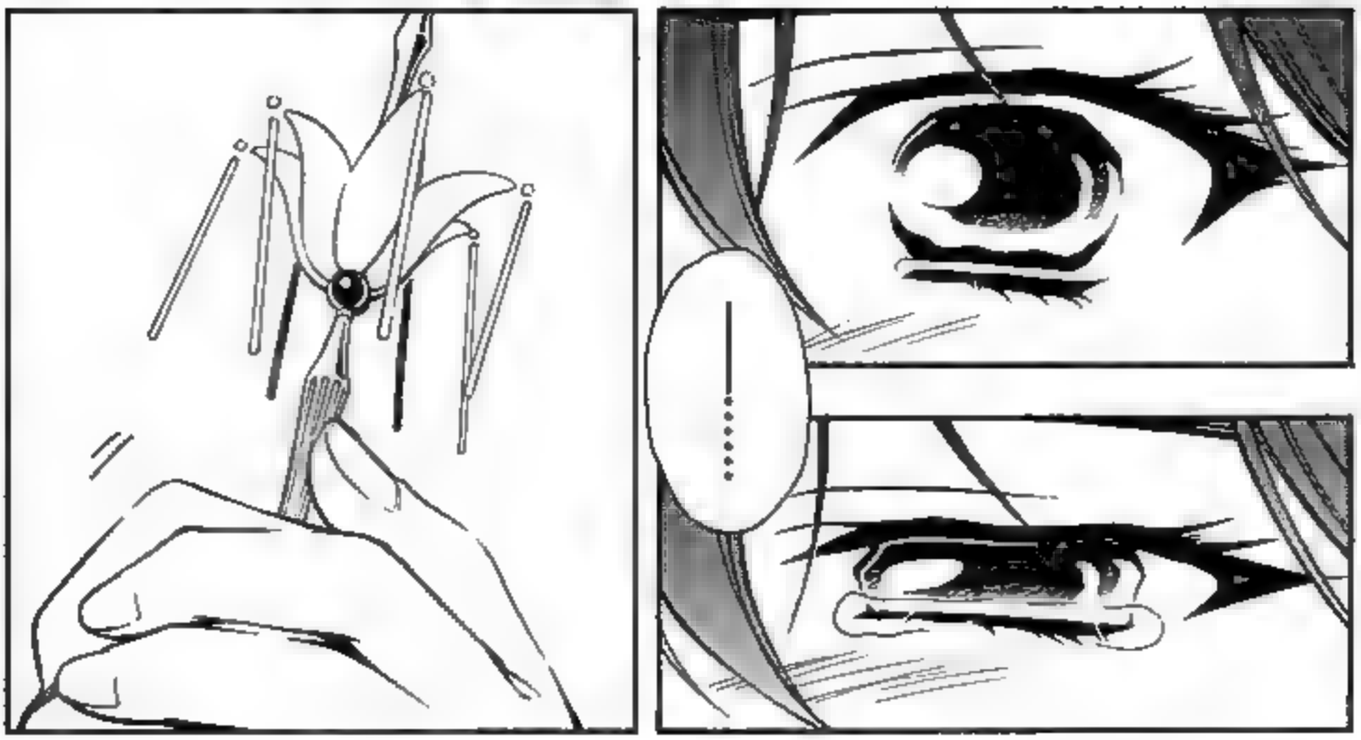
CAN YOU NOT LEAVE KYOTO WITH ME?
……!
I'M THINKING OF TRYING TO MOVE TO A HOUSE NEAR FUSHIMI...
KIND OF... AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE AN EVACUATION.
SAYA……!
OH OF COURSE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME
SINCE WE'VE ONLY JUST MET.
!
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT IT?
FUSHIMI IS A VERY NICE PLACE!

黒乃奈々絵
KUROE CHINO PRESENTS
PEACE MAKER
鐵
北上篇
談
TALK
AFTER
「PEACE MAKER 鐵」①～⑦巻 全国書店他にて絶賛発売中

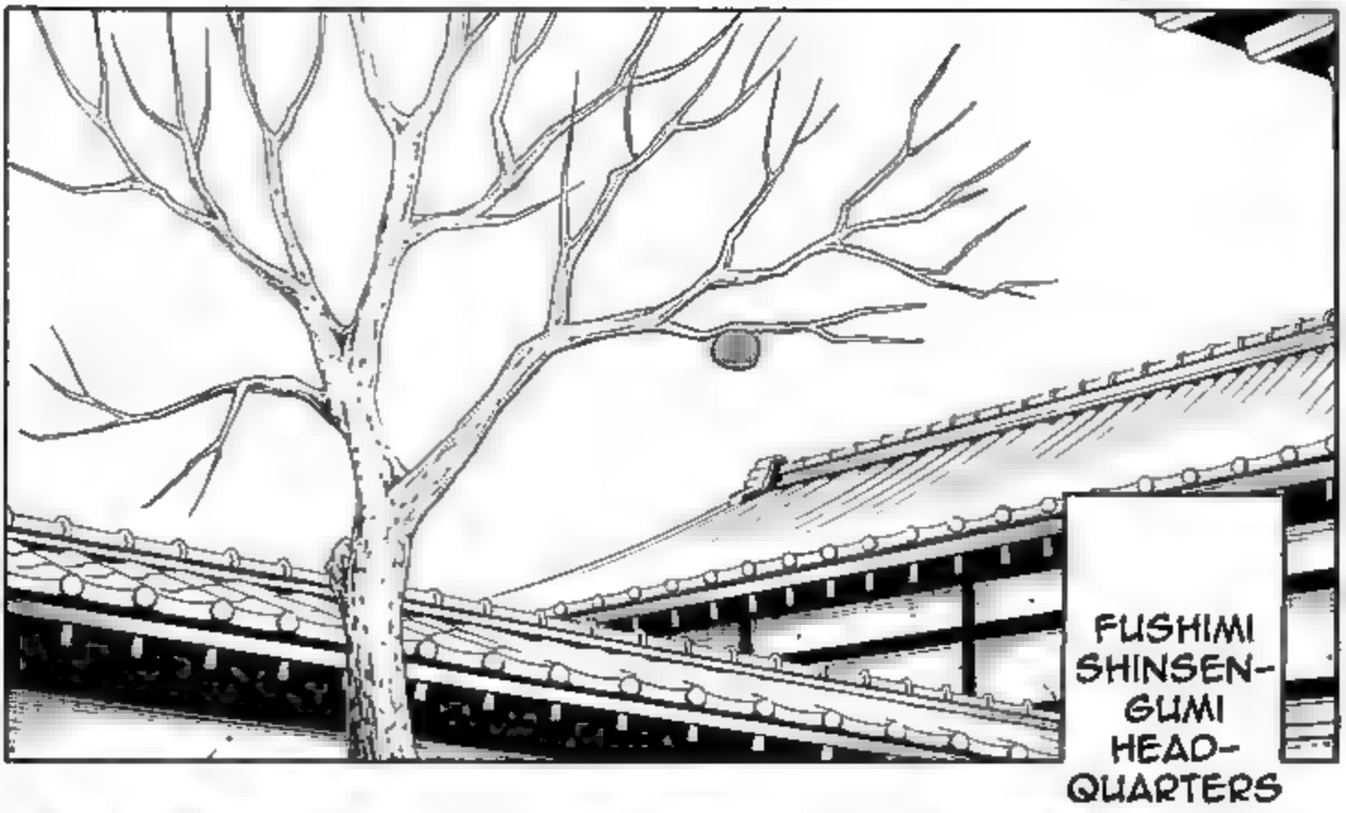
I WOULD NOT FORCE YOU...
TO LIKE ME
BUT WITH THAT ASSURANCE
FROM HERE, WITH YOU,
I WANT TO START...
ARE YOU GRATEFUL AT ALL FOR THAT MAN'S OFFER?
WHAT WILL YOU DO, SACHIYO-HAN?

CLOSE...
WITH OTHER WOMEN OF MORE EXPERIENCE.
BUT I WON'T BOTHER YOU IF YOU'RE SET.
... WELL,
THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN ARE MOST WISELY DISCUSSED
From here, with you,
I want to start

Osaya,
Who is the person you like?
Would you accept the person that gives passion yo your love?
or the one that fits your role as a woman of the pleasure quarters?
IN order to welcome and wait for that person
would you discard your honor from this place and your honor from that place?
Would you be willing to go that far ?



SAYA'S FEELINGS AND DETERMINATION WILL LEAD HER TO ——…


FUSHIMI
SHINSEN-
GUMI
HEAD-
QUARTERS

T/N. SHOGUNATE FORCES USED THIS SLOGAN TO ATTACK SATSUMA IN THE EMPEROR'S NAME DURING THE BATTLE OF TOBA-FUSHIMI BECAUSE SATSUMA ORDERED ITS RETAINERS TO CAUSE A DISTURBANCE IN EDO.

SHIMADA-KUN ABOUT HOW MANY SATCHOU SOLDIERS ARE THERE?
RIGHT NOW IT'S ESTIMATED AT 4-5 THOUSAND.
AND WHAT OF THEIR WEAPONS?
THEY'RE OUTFITTED WITH SIMILAR GUNS TO OURS.
BUT THEIR BATTLE TECHNIQUES FOCUS ON GUN WARFARE.

THE SHOGUNATE FORCES OUTNUMBER THE NEW GOVERNMENT ARMY BY 15,000 SOLDIERS.
EVEN SO, IT COULD EASILY BECOME BROKEN BY THE ENEMY'S FIREARMS.
WHAT OF THE MAN I CONTACTED FIVE DAYS AGO ABOUT THE RIFLES?
MY CONDOLENCES...
.....
TCH
!!!

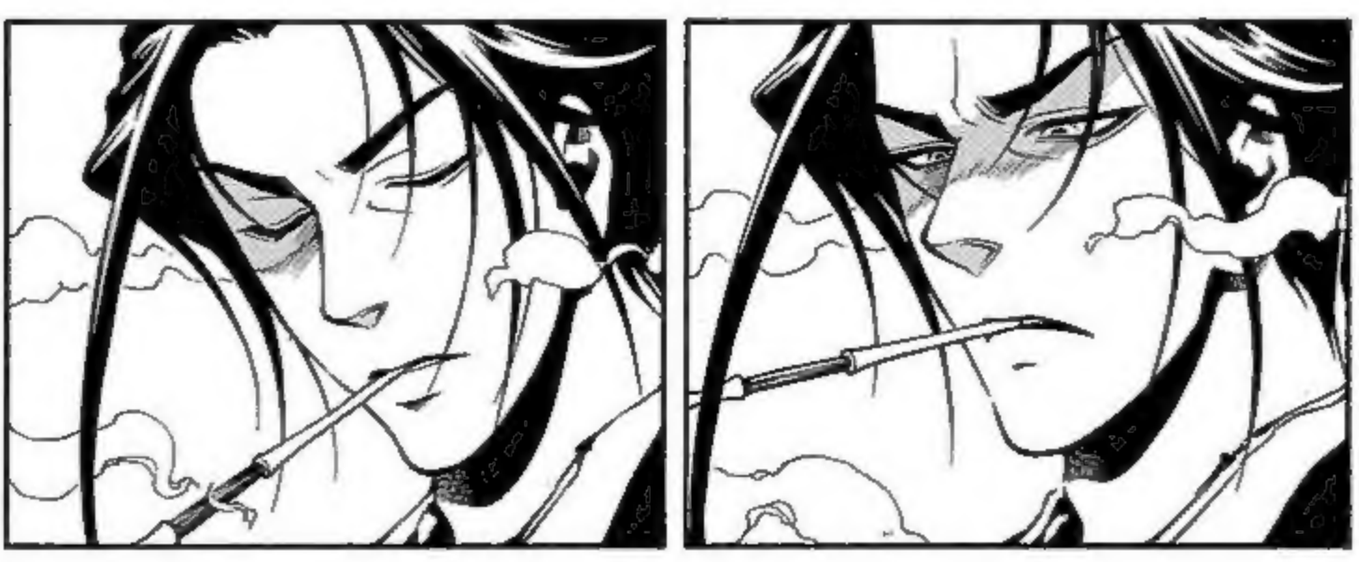
BUT IF THE ENTIRE SHOGUNATE FORCE COULD UNDERSTAND UNANIMOUSLY
THAT THE MAIN PREMISE OF MOVING LEADERSHIP IS POSSIBLE...
KNOWING THERE IS A CHANCE OF VICTORY
THE FORCES COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR HOME LAND
AND REDUCE THE USEFULNESS OF THE ENEMY'S FIREARMS BY HALF.
...IS IT POSSIBLE?
IN ORDER FOR THAT...
THE HATAMOTO NEED TO ...

*HATAMOTO ARE LIKE RETAINERS OF THE SHOGUN

SFX: TENSION
EXCUSE ME!
SFX: SWISH
I'VE BROUGHT TEA, VICE-COMMANDER!

GROSS! IT'S SO SMOKY IN HERE~!

SLA——P!
WELL, I'LL PLACE IT DOWN HERE.
SFX: TAP



AHH... AS EXPECTED OF ICHIMURA TETSUNO-SUKE.
AFTER OBSERV-ING THE CONVER-SATION
HE KNEW TO BRING IN TEA AT THE BEST TIME...
yes yes
?
THIS CAN'T BE FIXED NO MATTER HOW LONG I THINK ABOUT IT.
ICHIMURA. PUT THE TOBACCO TRAY HERE.
RIGHT!
...VICE-COMM-ANDER.
CAN I HAVE A BIT OF YOUR TIME?